# ERAP & T-RAP Technical Assistance Meeting



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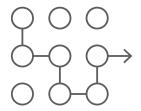
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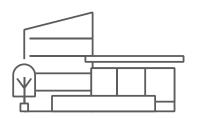
HOUSING HOMELESSNESS



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**COMMUNITY FACILITIES** 



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Agenda

- Welcome
- Legislative update
- ERAP update
- T-RAP update

## Housekeeping:

- This call is being recorded.
- PowerPoint slides and Zoom recording will be posted on Commerce website.
- •Link will be sent to all participants who registered for the webinar.

## **ERAP Funding Update**

- Allocations and budget request sent to lead grantees
- Amendments are being sent
- Guidelines and forms finalized this week

## ERAP Guidelines and Forms Update

- Up to 12 months of assistance
- Increase FMR to 150%
- Eliminate the maximum payment option of 80%
  - Now up to 150% FMR and must not be more than the total rent due amount
- Landlords can initiate financial assistance on behalf of their tenants
- Payment Agreement Form

## Limited Landlord Relief Program (LLRP)

ERAP service providers can refer LLs to LLRP if tenant is unresponsive, ineligible or eligibility cannot be determined.

Commerce is administering the LLRP – refer to our Landlord Program Page

https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/landlord-fund-programs/



#### **ERAP and T-RAP Crosswalk**

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Program	Eligibility & Documentation	Allowable Expenses	Other
ERAP Original (CARES Act) (8/1/20-6/30/21)	Started at 50% AMI, later changed to 80% AMI Any missed rent payment since March 1, 2020 and at least one additional criteria from list (Section 2 of guidelines) Self-declaration allowed for all eligibility	6 months' rent total     1 months of future rent     No utilities unless included in rent     15% to admin     5% to By and For subcontracting	Household applies     Payments to landlord     Landlords must accept 80%     payment if unit over 100%     FMR
ERAP 2.0 (Disaster Response Account) (2/16/21-6/30/21)	80% AMI     Any missed rent payment since March 1, 2020 and at least one additional criteria from list (Section 2 of guidelines)     Self-declaration allowed for all eligibility	12 months' rent total     1 months of future rent     No utilities unless included in rent     15% to admin     By and For subcontracting encouraged	<ul> <li>Landlord can apply</li> <li>Payments to landlord</li> <li>Up to 150% of FMR</li> </ul>
T-RAP (Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) (3/1/21-12/31/21)	80% AMI     Financial hardship due to the COVID-19     At risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability     Source documentation required for income	12 months' rent total     3 months of future rent     Separate utilities allowed     10% to Admin and     Operations     5% to By and For     subcontracting	Landlord can apply     Payments can be made directly to households     Up to 150% FMR     Prioritize households at 50% AMI     Prioritize households with one or more individuals who have been unemployed for 90 days before application date

## T-RAP Contracting –Timeline Estimate

Task	Date
Award chart sent Grantee information sheet requested	Early next week 2/23, due back 3/1
Finalize guidelines and forms	2/26
Contracts sent	By 3/3

### T-RAP Guidelines

- Received feedback from stakeholders and grantees
- Some themes include:
  - Support for 150% FMR cap
  - Most like idea of landlords being able to apply directly
  - Many concerned with 10% performance target for utility assistance
  - Concerns about people accessing services due to lack of access to technology
  - Concerns over households ability to get required documentation

## T-RAP Questions/Concerns

What other questions are coming up so far?



# Thank you!

## Questions?

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